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cloture vote here and on Select File too. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. have not spoken on this bill yet and I do believe, however, that from the discussion this morning that we are starting to look at some issues that I think can...can help. And I...one thing, if you're around Senator Chambers long enough, you start to maybe think like him a little bit, and that's dangerous. And I just hope that we have the compunction to look at the function of presumption before consumption, and that (laughter) I certainly do believe that jail time is not the answer. I have a bill in Judiciary, somewhere in that maze of that committee, LB 767. which would take a look at how we treat MIPs and those convicted of drug and alcohol offenses, in that to sentence these people to jail, to put them in jail, really has no purpose. If they go in there as a...with an addiction, they'll come out with an addition. The only difference is now they might be a violent offender where before they only had one problem. I do also believe what Senator Landis was saying and feel that I can go for cloture this time, but not the second time. I think we...we do need to take a look at the language in the bill, that we do need to address these issues, and to come up with a bill that we can all agree with that will have also some effectiveness. Certainly taking a young person's driver's license away, I can recall many years ago when I was young, boy, don't do anything to take away my wheels. That was very, very important to me and would do anything to keep that driver's license, to keep my automobile, and to allow me that freedom. So I think it does definitely have an effect on young people. They want to drive. They want to be able to move out. And if we can somehow restrict that and put some teeth in this bill, still without requiring jail time of individuals because I just don't feel that that...that has any good measure from this issue. hope that we can continue to work on this bill, continue to come up with the proper administration and the proper penalties for those individuals, so that they will look at that and consider, certainly, is drinking an option. I... I also go along with Senator Hilgert where we're talking about youth at risk and we